

4. Is this officer in your opinion fitted for duty with and to command troops?

Yes.

5. This officer speaks and translates:

(a) French—translates to some extent.

6. Recommended for:

(b) Promotion to next grade.

7. Remarks:

Character, highest; conscientious and painstaking, accepts responsibility, is firm and fair in control of officers and enlisted men.

Ability is exceptional, versatile engineer, organizer and manager. Has sound military conceptions.

Feel utmost confidence that he will always satisfactorily perform any duties to which assigned.

A true copy:

CLARENCE E. BOESCH,  
*Captain Engineers, M. G., Adjutant.*

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France, July 5, 1918.

July 14th is hereby declared a holiday for all troops in this command not actually engaged with the enemy. It will be their duty and privilege to celebrate French Independence Day, which appeals alike to every citizen and soldier in France and America, with all the sympathetic interest and purpose that France celebrated our Independence Day. Living among the French people, and sharing the comradeship in arms of their soldiers, we have the deeper consciousness that the two anniversaries are linked together in common principles and a common cause.

By Command of General Pershing.

JAMES W. McANDREW,  
*Chief of Staff.*

Official:

ROBERT C. DAVIS.  
*Adjutant General.*

*July 8, 1918, Monday.* The Colonel left again for Corps Headquarters. I spent most of the day at Regimental Headquarters, studying maps and planning for the movement of the regiment to its new camp in the Proven Area, Belgium.

Before the Colonel left we went over to Headquarters 1st Battalion and then with Battalion Commander Captain Myers we visited his companies C. and A. Saw them at drill and pleased with the condition of the men and the way they handled themselves. B. Company was at the Rifle range for the day. The Companies are all separated from each other and from Battalion Headquarters, and in visiting them we had a walk of about 3¾ miles. I enjoy the